Petitioner aforesaid, recover of and against the said Ralph Jamestone, his Freedom, and that he be hence freed and discharged of and from the service of the said Ralph Jamestone, and that he the said Lectuis Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, go freed and discharged thereof without day, and so forth. And it is further considered by the Court here, that the said Lectuis Butler, the Petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said Ralph Jamestone, the quantity of six hundred and ten pounds of tobacco, by the Court here, unto the said Lectuis Butler, on his assent adjudged, for his costs and charges by him about the prosecution of his said Petition in this behalf laid out and expended, and that he have thereof his Execution, and so forth.

— — Test — John Gwinn Clerk. —

Fanny Butler against Rinaldo Johnson } Be it remembered, that heretofore to wit, on the Twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety; Fanny Butler by Thomas Dulhurst Merrick her attorney, preferred and filed in the General Court here, her Petition for Freedom against Rinaldo Johnson, which is in manner and form following to wit: To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court. The Petition of Fanny Butler, humbly sheweth to your honors, that your Petitioner is well entitled to her Freedom being the descendant of a Free white woman, but is illegally and unjustly detained in slavery by Rinaldo Johnson of Prince Georges County although the said Johnson is well informed of the justice of your Petitioners claim to Freedom: May it please your honors to compel the said Rinaldo Johnson by process from this Court, to appear and answer the premises, and also to grant subpoenas for Walter Pye of Charles County and Ann Boarman of Saint Marys County to testify for your Petitioner and grant such further relief to your petitioner as shall be consonant to justice and as to your honors shall seem meet — And your Petitioner &c. — T. D. Merrick for Pet. Thereupon, on motion of the said Fanny Butler by her attorney aforesaid, it is ruled and ordered by the Court here, that the said Rinaldo Johnson do not remove the said Fanny Butler out of this State, nor obstruct her from attending this Court from time to time in support of her Petition for Freedom, preferred to the Court here; and in the mean time, to feed, cloath, and use the said Fanny

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Butler well: It is further ruled and ordered by the Court here, that the writ of the State of Maryland of Summons issue forth out of the General Court here against the said Rinaldo Johnson, to answer unto the said Petition of the said Fanny Butler; which said Summons issued accordingly, directed to the sheriff of Prince Georges County, in form following to wit. — The State of Maryland Sc. To the Sheriff of Prince Georges County, Greeting: We command you that you Summon Rinaldo Johnson, that all delays and excuses set aside, he be and appear before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next, to answer unto the Petition of Fanny Butler, preferred against him, for Freedom; Hereof he is not to fail and fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Thomas Johnson Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 17th day of June Anno domini 1790. — (T. D. M.) —

Issued the 25th day of September 1790. — Wm. Gwinn Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the Twelfth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety, and the day of the return of the aforegoing Summons, comes into the General Court here, the said Fanny Butler by her attorney aforesaid; and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid to whom the said Summons was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed to wit. — "Summoned. — Edward Lloyd Wailes, Sheriff. — And the said Rinaldo Johnson being so forewarned, comes into the General Court here, by Philip Barton Key his attorney: Thereupon, further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here, is continued until the second Tuesday of May next; the same day is given to the parties aforesaid, then, and so forth. —

At which said second Tuesday of May, being the Tenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety one, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Fanny Butler by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Rinaldo Johnson by his attorney aforesaid: Thereupon, further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here, is further continued until the second Tuesday of October next; the same day is given to the parties aforesaid, then, and so forth. —

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